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ESIC
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) has any proposal to bring more establishments and workers under its ambit;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of ESIC hospitals which have got ISO certification at present, State-wise;

(d) whether the ESIC has taken any steps to reduce the pendency of prosecution and cases against the employers and employees; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): In order to bring more establishments and workers under coverage of the scheme, the ESI Corporation prepares a phased programme every year in consultation with the State Governments. During the year 2007-08, the ESI scheme was implemented in 37 areas covering additional 97,739 employees and during the year 2008-09, it is proposed to extend the scheme to 106 new areas to cover 1.96 lakh additional employees. During the year 2008-09, so far, the scheme has been extended to 27 new areas covering 29,432 additional employees.

(c): Seven ESI hospitals viz Basaidarapur, Rohini, Okhla and Jhilmil in Delhi, Noida in UP, Ramdarbar in Chandigarh and Bari Brahmna, Jammu, have obtained ISO Certification.

(d) & (e): In order to reduce the pendency of prosecution cases filed against employers and employees, an Amnesty Scheme has been introduced with effect from 01.01.2008. The total number of cases withdrawn during the period upto 31.08.2008 under various sections of the Act are as under:

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Cases withdrawn under Section 75   - 87
Cases withdrawn under Section 85   - 333
Cases under process for withdrawal under Section 85 - 355
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